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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE US VISIT BY UAE PRESIDENT SHEIKH ZAID

REF: STATE 70314

1. WE CONCUR, IN GENERAL, WITH OBSERVATIONS CONTAINED  
PARAS TWO- THREE REFTEL, AND CAN READILY RECOGNIZE  
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GESTURE INVITING GULF' S MOST DYNAMIC LEADER TO VISIT US.

2. IF MATTER IS HANDLED WITH DUE CONSIDERATION FOR SAUDI SENSITIVITIES, BELIEVE POSITIVE BENEFITS WE ARE SEEKING THROUGH ZAID VISIT COULD BE ACHIEVED WITHOUT ADVERSE REACTION HERE. AS TO HSNFLINH, WE WOULD HOPE FOLLOWING MIGHT BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION:

3. TIMING: RELATIONS BETWEEN UAE AND SAUDI ARABIA ARE AT PRESENT UNEASY BUT NOT TENSE. HOWEVER, IF THEY WERE TO WORSEN, VISIT COULD SEEM TO SAUDIS FORM OF PARTIALITY IN FAVOR OF ZAID AT EXPENSE OF OLD FRIEND FAISAL. AS INSURANCE AGAINST THIS CONTINGENCY, SUGGEST ACTUAL INVITATION BE ISSUED ONLY SIX WEEKS OR MONTH IN ADVANCE. WOULD IT BE POSSIBLE, THUS, SIMPLY RESPOND TO ZAID AT THIS TIME ON LINES FIRST SENTENCE PARA TWO, INDICATING IN PRINCIPLE US FAVORS NOTION OF ZAID VISIT BUT THAT DETERMINATION OF PRECISE DATE WILL HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL LATER THIS YEAR.

4. TREATMENT: SAUDIS WILL BE WATCHING CAREFULLY TO DETERMINE WHETHER ZAID IS GIVEN ANY GREATER KUDIOS THAN KING FAISAL DURING LATTER' S VISIT MAY 1971. EVEN THOUGH THIS IS FIRST TIP AS HEAD OF STATE TO US, WE WOULD SUGGEST ZAID NOT RPT NOT BE GIVEN MORE THAN SINGLE WHITE HOUSE CALL AND WHITE HOUSE LUNCHEON. WE RECOGNIZE ZAID HAS HIS SENSITIVITIES TOO, AND THAT THESE HAVE TO BE KEPT IN MIND, BUT WE DO FEEL ANY MORE ELABORATE TREATMENT THAN FAISAL RECEIVED ON LAST VISIT COULD DO US HARM HERE.

4. EXPLANATIONS: BELIEVE SAUDIS WOULD APPRECIATE HEARING CAREFUL EXPLANATION IN ADVANCE OF OUR REASONS FOR SETTING UP VISIT, STRESSING PARTICULARLY OUR BELIEF STRONG USG- UAE TIES IN LONG RUN ARE MUCH IN SAUDI INTEREST AND THAT WE, AS WELL AS SAG, HAVE STRONG DESIRE ENCOURAGE UAE AND ITS LEADERS ON STEADY, STATESMANLIKE COURSE. WE COULD MENTION ALSO THAT WITH REGARD BOUNDARY DISPUTE WE FEEL WISEST COURSE WOULD BE FOR US REFRAIN FROM MAKING SPECIFIC PROPOSALS BUT AFFIRM OUR OVERALL STAND IN FAVOR FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS AND FLEXIBILITY AMONG PARTIES. AFTER VISIT HAS TAKEN PLACE WE SHOULD GIVE SAUDIS AS FRANK A RUNDOWN AS POSSIBLE ON WHAT  
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